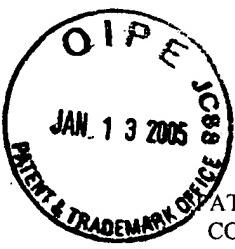


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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Reply is responsive to an Office Action dated August 10, 2004, for the above-captioned application. The Office Action was made final and set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on November 10, 2004. Accordingly, enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136 and the appropriate fee to extend the period for response to today's date.

Please amend the application as follows.

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Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT	(\\$)	225.00
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
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